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Time Running Out on CIA's Casey? ...

Despite public statements of support from the President, insiders say it is only a matter of time before the besieged William Casey departs as director of the CIA and is succeeded by Deputy Director Bobby Inman, who is widely regarded as the nation's most respected intelligence expert.

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White House aides are suspicious that reporters got wind of a 2-month-old court ruling against Casey at the same time they were tipped to allegations of improper business dealings by his deputy, Max Hugel. Conclusion by some presidential advisers: Both men made bitter enemies within the CIA itself, and these foes leaked the matters to the press.